

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 4, 7-9, 22, 24-25, 28-30, 34-36, 38, 41, and 43 and cancel claims 3, 5, 6, 23, and 42, without prejudice or disclaimer, as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for estimating altitude of a communications device, comprising the step of:

~~estimating providing~~ a two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device based on signal measurements relating to at least two antennas of a communications system; and

estimating the altitude of the communications device based at least on altitudes of said at least two antennas of a communications system and on the two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device, ~~said communications device communicating with the communications system via said at least two antenna.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method as defined in claim ~~21~~, further comprising a step of providing antenna information representing three-dimensional locations of said at least two antennas, the altitude estimation being based on said two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device and on said antenna information.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method as defined in claim ~~6~~1, wherein said signal measurements include at least one of the following: signal timing measurements, signal strength measurements and direction of arrival measurements.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A method as defined in claim 5, wherein said two-dimensional location estimate for the communications device is determined~~ A method for estimating altitude of a communications device, comprising the step of:

estimating a two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device based on signal measurements relating to at least two antennas of a communications system and based on identity information of at least two cells corresponding to said at least two antennas of said communications system; and

estimating the altitude of the communications device based at least on altitudes of said at least two antennas of said communications system and on the two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as defined in claim ~~5~~1, further comprising the step of estimating accuracy of the altitude estimate of the communications device.

10. (Original) A method as defined in claim 4, wherein the altitude estimation uses a weighted average of altitudes of said at least two antennas, each weight taking into

account said two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device and a two-dimensional location of an antenna of said communications device.

11. (Original) A method as defined in claim 10, wherein each weight in the weighted average is inversely proportional to a distance between the two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device and the two-dimensional location of an antenna of said communications system.

12. (Original) A method as defined in claim 10, further comprising the step of estimating said two-dimensional location estimate for the communications device based on information relating to said at least two antennas of said communication system.

13. (Original) A method as defined in claim 12, further comprising the step of estimating accuracy of the altitude estimate of the communications device.

14. (Original) A method as defined in claim 4, wherein the altitude estimation is determined by projecting the two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device to a reference plane determined using said antenna information.

15. (Original) A method as defined in claim 14, wherein the reference plane intersects points defined by said antenna information.

16. (Original) A method as defined in claim 14, wherein the reference plane is a regression plane relating to points defined by said antenna information.

17. (Original) A method as defined in claim 14, further comprising the step of estimating said two-dimensional location estimate for the communications device based on information relating to said at least two antennas of said communication system.

18. (Original) A method as defined in claim 17, further comprising the step of estimating accuracy of the altitude estimate of the communications device.

19. (Original) A method as defined in claim 18, wherein the accuracy of the altitude estimate of the communications device is estimated using said reference plane.

20. (Original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said altitude of said at least one antenna represents said at least one antenna at a ground level.

21. (Original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said altitude of said at least one antenna represents said at least one antenna above a ground level.

22. (Currently Amended) A method for providing location assistance information to a communications device communicating with a communications system via at least ~~one~~ two antennas of said communications system, said method comprising:

estimating a two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device based on signal measurements relating to said at least two antennas of said communications system;

estimating an altitude estimate ~~for~~of the communications device based at least on altitude information of said at least ~~one~~two antennas; and

determining location assistance information based on ~~a~~the two-dimensional location estimate and the altitude estimate ~~for~~of the communications device.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A method as defined in claim ~~23~~22, further comprising the step of estimating an accuracy of the altitude estimate, wherein the accuracy of the altitude estimate is included in the location assistance information.

25. (Currently Amended) A method as defined in claim ~~23~~22, wherein said antenna information represents three-dimensional locations of said at least two antennas, the altitude estimation being based on said two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device and on said antenna information.

26. (Original) A method as defined in claim 25, wherein the altitude estimation uses a weighted average of altitudes of said at least two antennas, each weight taking into account said two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device and a two-dimensional location of an antenna of said communications device.

27. (Original) A method as defined in claim 25, wherein the altitude estimation is determined by projecting the two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device to a reference plane determined using said antenna information.

28. (Currently Amended) A communications system, said communications system comprising:

first estimation means for estimating a two-dimensional location estimate of a communications device based on signal measurements relating to at least two antennas of said communications system;

storage means for storing antenna information representing at least altitudes of said at least two antennas of said communications system; and

~~first-second~~ estimation means for estimating an altitude of a said communications device based at least on said altitudes of said at least two antennas of said communications system; ~~the communications device communicating with said communications system via said at least two antennas;~~ and on a the two-dimensional location estimate ~~for~~ of the communications device.

29. (Currently Amended) A communications system as defined in claim 28, further comprising:

~~second estimation means for estimating said two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device;~~ and

determination means for determining location assistance information based on said two-dimensional location estimate and said altitude estimate of the communications device.

30. (Currently Amended) A communications system as defined in claim 28, ~~further comprising:~~

~~second estimation means for estimating said two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device,~~

~~wherein said antenna information represents three-dimensional locations of antennas of said communications system and said first estimation means are arranged to estimate altitude of the communications device based on said two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device and on said antenna information relating to said at least two antennas of the communications system.~~

31. (Original) A communications system as defined in claim 30, further comprising:

determination means for determining location assistance information based on said two-dimensional location estimate and said altitude estimate of the communications device.

32. (Original) A communications system as defined in claim 28, further comprising:

third estimation means for estimating accuracy of said altitude estimate for a communications device.

33. (Original) A communications system as defined in claim 28, wherein the communications system comprises a cellular telecommunications system.

34. (Currently Amended) A network element for a communications system, said network element comprising:

first estimation means for estimating a two-dimensional location estimate of a communications device based on signal measurements relating to at least two antennas of said communications system;

first determination means for determining antenna information representing at least altitudes of said at least two antennas of said communications system; and

~~first-second~~ estimation means for estimating an altitude of a ~~the~~ communications device based at least on said altitudes of said at least ~~one~~ two antennas of said communications system, ~~said communications device communicating with said communications system via said at least two antennas, and on a~~ said two-dimensional location estimate ~~for~~ of the communications device.

35. (Currently Amended) A network element as defined in claim 34, further comprising:



~~second determination means for determining said two-dimensional location estimate for the communications device, and~~

third determination means for determining location assistance information based on said two-dimensional location estimate and said altitude estimate of the communications device.

36. (Currently Amended) A network element as defined in claim 34, further comprising:

~~second determination means for determining said two-dimensional location estimate for the communications device,~~

wherein said antenna information represents three-dimensional locations of antennas of said communications system ~~and said first estimation means are arranged to estimate altitude of the communications device based on said two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device and on said antenna information relating to at least two antennas of the communications system, said communications device communicating with the communications system via said at least two antennas.~~

37. (Original) A network element as defined in claim 36, further comprising:

third determination means for determining location assistance information based on said two-dimensional location estimate and said altitude estimate of the communications device.

38. (Currently Amended) A network element as defined in claim 34, further comprising:

~~second~~ third estimation means for estimating accuracy of said altitude estimate for a communications device.

39. (Original) A network element as defined in claim 34, wherein the network element comprises a location server.

40. (Original) A network element as defined in claim 34, wherein the network element comprises a network element responsible for radio resource control of a cellular telecommunications network.

41. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium containing executable computer program instructions which, when executed by a data processing system, cause said data processing system to perform a method comprising

estimating ~~providing~~ a two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device based on signal measurements relating to at least two antennas of a communications system; and

estimating ~~the~~ an altitude of the communications device based at least on altitudes of said at least two antennas of a communications system and on the two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device, ~~said communications device communicating with the communications system via said at least two antenna.~~

42. (Cancelled)

43. (Currently Amended) A method for providing location assistance information to a communications device communicating with a communications system, said method comprising:

~~estimating providing~~ a two-dimensional location estimate of the communications device based on signal measurements relating to at least two antennas of a communications system;

estimating an altitude estimate ~~for~~ of the communications device based at least on altitude information of said at least two antennas of the communications system and on the two-dimensional location estimate, ~~said communications device communicating with said communications system via said at least two antennas; and~~

determining location assistance information based on the two-dimensional location estimate and the altitude estimate ~~for~~ of the communications device.